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solution. And if you're just going to let it fall on property taxpayers to meet these federal mandates, these clean water mandates, why then that's not fair either. What we would like under this bill is to let the municipalities, the counties, and the NRDs work together in a fair process that would meet all the engineering standards, who is contributing to the problem, and then a fee would be assessed based on their contributions to the In states that have implemented this problem...this situation, the average homeowner is paying \$3 a month. Now I'm not going to stand here and tell you that Anderson Ford out there in Lincoln is going to pay \$40,000 a year. I don't know That's up to the city. I don't think we should be talking about who's going to pay or how much, but I think we should give the cities the authority to do this in a fair, practical manner. If they're telling you they're going to pay that much a year or a month, I don't know what that's going to be. That's up to the cities and the NRDs. But we need to give them the...the infrastructure to handle this problem. That's what this bill is about. I'm sorry it's brought up so late. I'm sorry it's brought up on Select File. But you stop and look at it, there's very few natural resource bills prioritized. this one, we feel, is important. And a lot of questions have been raised since we advanced the bill out of committee. We did our best to try to address those issues in committee. you know, once a bill gets on the floor it's fair game. And there's a lot of naysayers out there that said this won't work. Well, but they get their garbage collected because they pay a garbage fee. They turn their water tap on and they have water because they pay a water fee. They don't care about their storm water; let it run off my property, it's the downstream...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR SCHROCK: ...person's problem. Well, it isn't the downstream person's problem. If you have storm water that runs off your property, you should take care of it. And if that means a fee has to be imposed so the people can take care of it, that's what we should do. So I thank you for your time, and I would be amenable if somebody wants to bracket this bill for a week, that's fine with me.